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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents,  
Public School Academy Authorizers and Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
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**DATE:** November 9, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Informational meetings to learn more about the 2007-08 Charter School  
Planning and Implementation Grants, Second Round Application Process

Earlier this fall, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced the availability of the 2007-2008 Charter School Planning and Implementation Grant – Thirteenth Cycle. The program is supported under Title V, Part C, Public Charter Schools Program (PCSP), No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. During 2007-08, \$3,670,000 will be available for Planning and Implementation Subgrants to support:

- Qualified public school academy (PSA) developers as they apply for charter contracts.
- Public school academies in the initial phases and years of implementation.

This second round informational meeting invites 18-month grant applications from earlier stage PSA planners who have submitted an application to a Michigan authorizer, even though they may not yet have been selected by an authorizer to submit a second-phase application or negotiate a contract. Such development teams may apply in this round for program planning and design funds. The second round application is available through the *Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS)*, upon release of this announcement. Completed applications must be received at MDE by **January 10, 2008**. Review panels are expected to score the applications by mid-February; grant announcements are expected by March 1, 2008. The grant award date will be April 1, 2008.

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Ten percent of the 2007-08 federal award (\$587,000) will also be available to charter schools that have not already received a Dissemination Grant, have been in operation for at least three (3) consecutive years (i.e., are currently in their fourth year of operation, or longer), and wish to propose activities to accomplish one of the following purposes:

- Research/Evaluation of demonstrated powerful practices.
- Mentoring of a design team for a PSA that is not yet open.
- Coaching an existing PSA proposing to open a high school.

Three public meetings have been scheduled for applicants to learn more about the Charter School Grant and application process. Meetings are scheduled at the following locations, dates and times:

**Monday, November 26, 2007**

Richard M. DeVos Center (DEV 303C)  
Grand Valley State University  
401 West Fulton  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

- 9:30 AM to 11:30 PM--Planning and Implementation Grant
- 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM--Dissemination Grant

**Tuesday, November 27, 2007**

Wayne RESA-Education Annex  
33500 Van Born Road  
Wayne, MI 48184

- 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM--Planning and Implementation Grant
- 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM--Dissemination Grant

**Thursday, November 29, 2007**

The Center for Charter Schools  
Central Michigan University  
2520 South University Park Drive  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

- 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM--Planning and Implementation Grant
- 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM--Dissemination Grant

To reserve a place at the meeting of your choice, please email Sandra Croom, Secretary, Public School Academy Program, at [mde-psa-req@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-psa-req@michigan.gov). You may also contact her by phone at (517-373-4631) at least one day before the meeting. Written instructions or a map is provided for each location.

Enclosures

The Charter Schools Office is located on the campus of Central Michigan University at 2520 South University Park Drive, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48859.

#### Directions to the Central Michigan University Charter Schools Office

**From Detroit:** Take the I-75 N ramp towards Flint; merge onto I-75 N; take the M-46 W/Holland Avenue exit (exit number 149B); merge onto MI-46; MI-46 becomes MI-46/US-127 Business Route; **(start here “From Lansing”)** take the US-127 N ramp; merge onto US-127 N, take the US-127 Business exit towards Mt. Pleasant. At the first traffic light, turn left onto West Campus Drive (there will be a Bennigan’s Restaurant on the left and a Red Lobster on the right). After turning onto West Campus Drive, take the first drive to the left (University Park Drive – the football stadium will be on the right) – there will be a series of three red, brick buildings. The Charter Schools Office building is the last building of the three. Turn right into the entrance, which is marked by a low-monument sign, and proceed to the visitor’s parking area, which is in the front of the building.

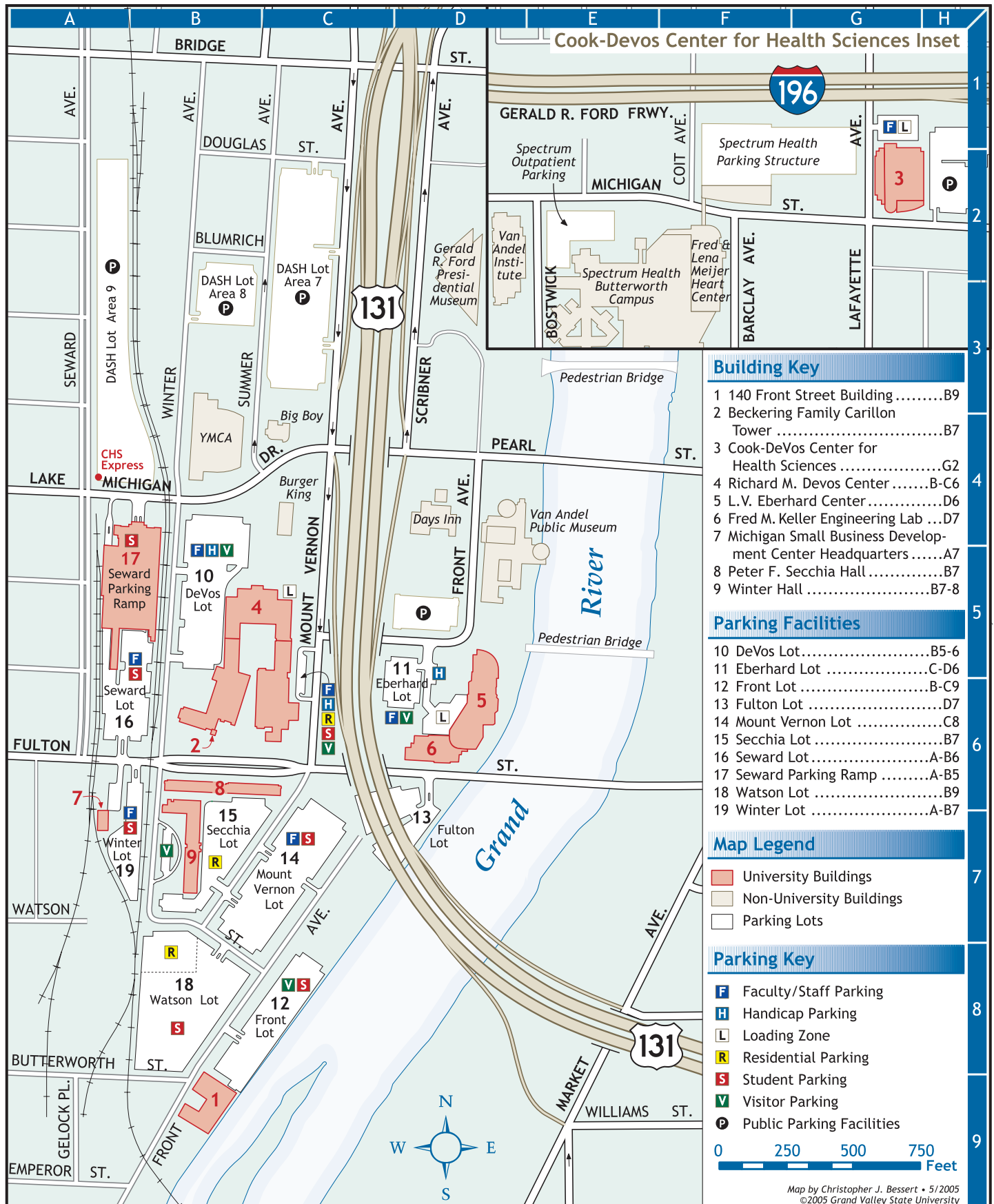
**From Ypsilanti:** Take the US-23 N ramp towards Flint; merge onto US-23 N; take the I-96 W exit, exit number 60B towards Brighton/Lansing; merge onto I-96 W, take the I-496/US-127 N exit, exit number 8, towards Flint/Clare; stay on US-127 N to the US-127 Business exit towards Mt. Pleasant. At the first traffic light, turn left onto West Campus Drive (there will be a Bennigan’s Restaurant on the left and a Red Lobster on the right). After turning onto West Campus Drive, take the first drive to the left (University Park Drive – the football stadium will be on the right) – there will be a series of three red, brick buildings. The Charter Schools Office building is the last building of the three. Turn right into the entrance, which is marked by a low-monument sign, and proceed to the visitor’s parking area, which is in the front of the building.

**From Big Rapids:** Go East on MI-20; stay on M-20 to the M-20/Mission Road intersection. Turn right onto Mission Road. Continue on Mission through town to the Mission Road/West Campus Drive intersection. Turn right onto West Campus Drive. After turning onto West Campus Drive, take the first drive to the left (University Park Drive – the football stadium will be on the right) – there will be a series of three red, brick buildings. The Charter Schools Office building is the last building of the three. Turn right into the entrance, which is marked by a low-monument sign, and proceed to the visitor’s parking area, which is in the front of the building.

**From Grand Rapids:** Take the US-131 N ramp towards Cadillac; take the M-46 E exit, exit number 120, towards Saginaw; turn right onto MI-46; turn left onto US-27 Business Route; US-127 Business Route becomes Alger Road; take the US-27 N ramp and continue on US-27 to the US-127 Business exit towards Mt. Pleasant. At the first traffic light, turn left onto West Campus Drive (there will be a Bennigan’s Restaurant on the left and a Red Lobster on the right). After turning onto West Campus Drive, take the first drive to the left (University Park Drive – the football stadium will be on the right) –there will be a series of three red, brick buildings. The Charter Schools Office building is the last building of the three. Turn right into the entrance, which is marked by a low-monument sign, and proceed to the visitor’s parking area, which is in the front of the building.

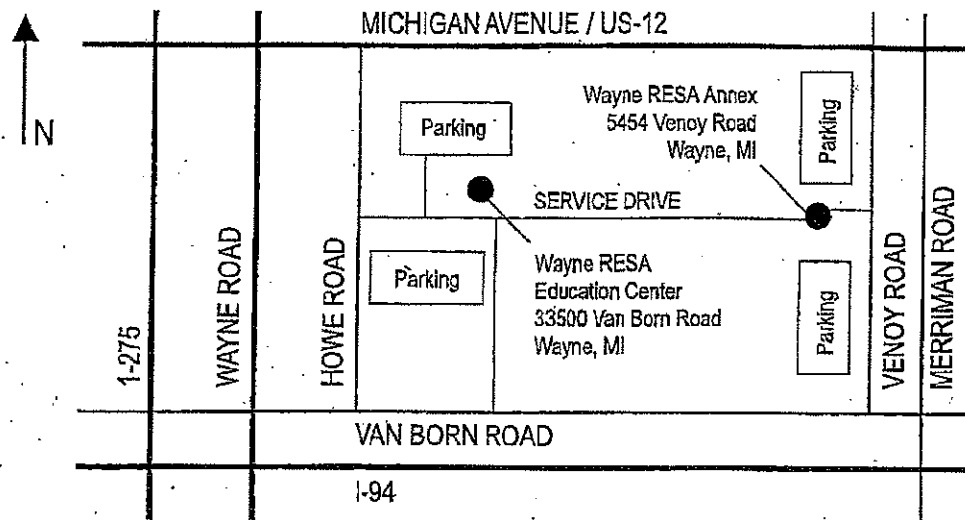
**From Saginaw:** Off US-10 W; take the M-20/US-10 Business exit on the left towards Downtown Midland; take a slight right; turn slight left on US-10 Business Route West; turn left onto MI-20. Stay on MI-20 until the MI-20/Mission Road (Business 27) intersection. Turn left onto Mission Road. Continue on Mission through town to the Mission Road/West Campus Drive intersection. Turn right onto West Campus Drive. After turning onto West Campus Drive, take the first drive to the left (University Park Drive – the football stadium will be on the right) -- there will be a series of three red, brick buildings. The Charter Schools Office building is the last building of the three. Turn right into the entrance, which is marked by a low-monument sign, and proceed to the visitor's parking area, which is in the front of the building.

**From Marquette:** Following I-75 South to the US-127 exit, exit number 249, towards Clare/Lansing; continue on US-127 to the US-127 Business exit towards Mt. Pleasant. Continue on Mission through town to the Mission Road/West Campus Drive intersection. Turn right onto West Campus Drive. After turning onto West Campus Drive, take the first drive to the left (University Park Drive – the football stadium will be on the right) -- there will be a series of three red, brick buildings. The Charter Schools Office building is the last building of the three. Turn right into the entrance, which is marked by a low-monument sign, and proceed to the visitor's parking area, which is in the front of the building.



## Getting to Wayne RESA

Map is not to scale. RESA complex is enlarged to show detail.



### I-275 South:

Exit at Michigan Avenue East (Exit #22) and turn left. Go 4 miles to Wayne Road and turn right. Go 1 mile to Van Born and turn left. **Education Center** parking area is on the left just past the stop light at Howe Road. To reach the **Annex**: Remain on Van Born; turn left at second stop light onto Venoy Road. Annex parking area is on the left side of Venoy.

### I-275 North:

Exit at Ecorse Road East (Exit #20) and turn right. Go 4 miles to Wayne Road and turn left. Go 1 mile to Van Born and turn right. **Education Center** parking area is on the left just past the stop light at Howe Road. To reach the **Annex**: Remain on Van Born; turn left at second stop light onto Venoy Road. Annex parking area is on the left side of Venoy.

### I-94 Westbound:

Exit at Merriman Road North (Exit #198) and turn right. Go 3 miles to Van Born Road and turn left. To reach the **Annex**, stay on Van Born for 1 mile to Venoy Road and turn right. The Annex parking area is on the left side of Venoy. To reach the **Education Center**, remain on Van Born past Venoy Road. Education Center parking area is 1/4 mile past Venoy on the right.

### I-94 Eastbound:

Exit at Wayne Road North (Exit #196) and turn left. Go 4 miles to Van Born Road and turn right. The **Education Center** parking area is on the left just past the stop light at Howe Road. To reach the **Annex**, Remain on Van Born; turn left at the second stop light onto Venoy Road. The Annex parking area is on the left side of Venoy.